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Bryce Canyon National Park's Annual Pass: A Great Deal for Local Residents and Repeat Visitors



Like many national parks across the country, Bryce Canyon participates in the <u>America the Beautiful National Parks</u> and Federal Recreational Lands Pass program which offers a variety of passes that provide access to national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges across the country.

What many visitors to Bryce Canyon *don't* realize, however, is that the park also offers a **park-specific Annual Pass** that waives entrance fees to Bryce Canyon National Park for 12 months from the date of purchase. At \$35, the Bryce Canyon Annual Pass is a bargain for local residents and others who visit Bryce Canyon several times a year.

The National Park Service recently raised its entrance and amenity fees at many parks throughout the country. Bryce Canyon's new entrance fees are: \$30 per single, private, non-commercial vehicle; \$25 per motorcycle; and \$15 per bicyclist or pedestrian. Each of these entrance permits is valid for seven days' admission to Bryce Canyon National Park.

"Bryce Canyon's entrance fees support a wide range of projects that improve the park and visitor experiences," says Bryce Canyon National Park Superintendent, Lisa Eckert. "Funds have been used to rehabilitate trails, develop and install new exhibits in our visitor center, and operate the park's shuttle system, to name but a few. As we prepare to celebrate the National Park Service's centennial in 2016, entrance fees will continue to provide funding for infrastructure improvements so that visitors can enjoy the beauty and history that lives in our national parks."

The Bryce Canyon Annual Pass is one of many passes available for purchase (or in some cases, at no cost) through the *America the Beautiful* National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass program:

Bryce Canyon Annual Pass: \$35 annual pass

Available to everyone

Waives entrance fees at Bryce Canyon National Park

Interagency Annual Pass: \$80 annual pass

Available to everyone

Waives entrance fees at all federal fee areas

Interagency Military Annual Pass: Free annual pass

Available to U.S. military members and dependents in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard, and also Reserve and National Guard

members

Waives entrance fees at all federal fee areas

Interagency Senior Pass: \$10 lifetime pass

Available to U.S. permanent residents age 62 and over

Waives entrance fees and may provide a 50% discount on certain amenity

fees (camping, boat launch fees, etc.)

Interagency Access Pass: Free lifetime pass

Available to U.S. permanent residents with permanent disabilities

Waives entrance fees and may provide a 50% discount on certain amenity

fees (camping, boat launch fees, etc.)

Interagency Volunteer Pass: Free annual pass

Available to volunteers with 250 service hours with federal agencies that

participate in the Interagency Pass Program Waives entrance fees at all federal fee areas

The National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and the U.S. Forest Service participate in the <u>America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass</u> program. These passes provide access to more than 2,000 national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, grasslands, and other federal lands.

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